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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in reply to the final Office Action dated May 31, 2007, for which a response is due on August 31, 2007. A request for continued examination (RCE) is filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request a telephonic interview with the undersigned prior to a first office action on the merits following the filing of an RCE. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.